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**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **RUSSELL EARL MORRIS AND GREGORY J. COLLINS**

For: **APPARATUS HOLDER FOR HATS**

**1. Type of Application**

This new application is for a(n):

☒ Utility application.

The present application claims priority to co-pending Provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No 60/440,269 filed January 15, 2003.

**2. Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design) Application**

8 Pages of specification

3 Pages of claims

1 Page of abstract

4 Sheets of ☒ informal or ☐ formal drawings (FIG 1, 2, 3, and 4)

3. **Declaration or Oath**

☒ Enclosed executed by inventor.

4. **Non-publication Request under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

☒ Enclosed and signed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.33(b).

5. **Language**

☒ English

6. **Postcard**

☒ A postcard is attached

7. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

☒ Utility application

A. Number of claims as filed

16

B. Number of independent claims as filed

1

Filing Fee Calculation [ $\$770 + [(A-20) \times \$18 + (B-3) \times \$86]$ ]

\$ 770.00

8. **Small Entity Statement(s)**

☒ Applicant claims small entity under 37 CFR § 1.27.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above)

\$ 335.00

9. **Fee Payment Being Made At This Time**

☒ Enclosed

☒ Basic filing fee

\$ 335.00


Total fees enclosed

\$ 335.00

10. **Method of Payment of Fees**

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